

flange portion extending out from each said angled portion in a direction substantially parallel to said web portion, said sign post stabilizer comprising:

a post sleeve having an inner channel wall and an outer channel wall collectively defining a passage for receiving a sign post therethrough such that said post sleeve is positionable [over said] about a sign post [and secured] for securing to [said] the lower section of said sign post [,] :

wherein said outer channel wall comprises an elongate outer central wall portion and a pair of outer slant wall portions, each said outer slant wall portion being connected to a lateral side of said outer central wall portion and slanting away from said outer central wall portion at an obtuse outer angle with respect to the plane of said outer central wall portion such that the distance between said outer slant wall portions increases away from said outer central wall portion;

wherein said inner channel wall comprises an elongate inner central wall portion and a pair of inner slant wall portions, each said inner slant wall portion being connected to a lateral side of said inner central wall portion and slanting away from said inner central wall portion at an obtuse inner angle with respect to the plane of said inner central wall portion such that the distance between said inner slant wall portions increases away from said inner central wall portion;

wherein said inner and outer central wall portions are in a spaced and substantially parallel relationship to each other, said obtuse outer angle being greater than said obtuse inner angle such that said inner and outer slant wall portions diverge from each other away from said central wall portions to accommodate therebetween the flange portion of a sign post extending through the passage of said post sleeve; and

a pair of wing members each extending [horizontally] outward from the inner slant wall portions of said post sleeve in a direction substantially parallel to said inner and outer central wall portions, the outer slant wall portion of each said outer channel wall portion being connected to a said wing member laterally outward from said inner slant wall portion, the part of each said wing member between said inner and outer slant wall portions providing a surface for abutting against the flange portion of a sign post in a substantially parallel relationship;

[said post sleeve secured to said lower section of said post such that said pair of wing members extend horizontally outward from said post sleeve below the ground surface,]

wherein a lateral portion of each [one of] said [pair of] wing [members being] member is bent at a wing angle along [an imaginary vertical axis so as to form adjacent multi-planar vertical walls] an axis substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of a signpost extending through the passage through said post sleeve.

4. (Amended) The Sign Post Stabilizer of Claim 1, wherein [said imaginary vertical] the axis of the bend in each said wing member is located [along a] at the midpoint of [each one of] said [pair of] wing [members] member.

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~~5.~~ (Amended) The Sign Post Stabilizer of Claim 1, wherein said post sleeve includes a pair of aligned mounting holes in the inner and outer central wall portions for securing said post sleeve to a said sign post with a fastener.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.